

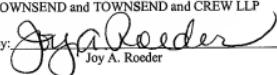
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Applicants thank Examiners Shome and Yu for the helpful and courteous interview on August 5, 2009. At that interview, the Examiners agreed that the amendments made in the amendment filed on July 13, 2009, overcame the present rejections. The Examiners requested, however, that Applicants point out where support for the amended claim language might be found in the specification, in particular with regard to the phrase "terminal bronchioles." Applicants point to the second paragraph in the specification as filed as describing the patient anatomy characteristic of emphysema, which is defined as "an abnormal permanent enlargement of the air spaces distal to the terminal bronchioles, accompanied by destruction of their walls without obvious fibrosis." As further set forth on page 4, beginning at line 9, the method of the present invention is described as treating emphysema by blocking a bronchiole tube "so that no air can be drawn into it. Thereafter, the isolated part deflates in time as the air

remaining in it becomes adsorbed, and so that part of the lung stops affecting other areas of the lungs, which can thus perform normally." Such language, taken together, clearly supports the amendments which have been made herein.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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